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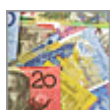
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## Population



## POPULATION

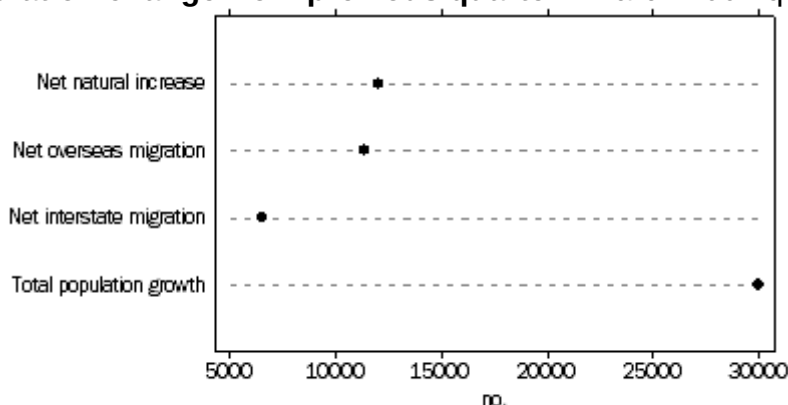
Population Change, Queensland  
Regional Population Growth

### POPULATION CHANGE, QUEENSLAND

The preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) for Queensland was 4,162,000 at 31 March 2007, an increase of 92,100 (2.3%) since 31 March 2006. Queensland accounted for 20% of the Australian population at 31 March 2007.

Between the December 2006 quarter and the March 2007 quarter, 40% (12,100 persons) of the total population increase of 30,000 persons was due to net natural increase (excess of births over deaths), 38% (11,400 persons) was attributable to net overseas migration and 22% (6,600 persons) to net interstate migration.

**Population change from previous quarter - March 2007 quarter**



Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0).

Further information about Queensland's population can be accessed from [Australian Demographic Statistics](#) (cat. no. 3101.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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### REGIONAL POPULATION GROWTH

At 30 June 2006, the Queensland population was estimated to be 4,091,546 persons. The south east corner comprising Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and West Moreton Statistical Divisions accounted for two-thirds (66%) of the state's population.

**Regional Population(a), By Statistical Division - At 30 June - 2001 and 2006**

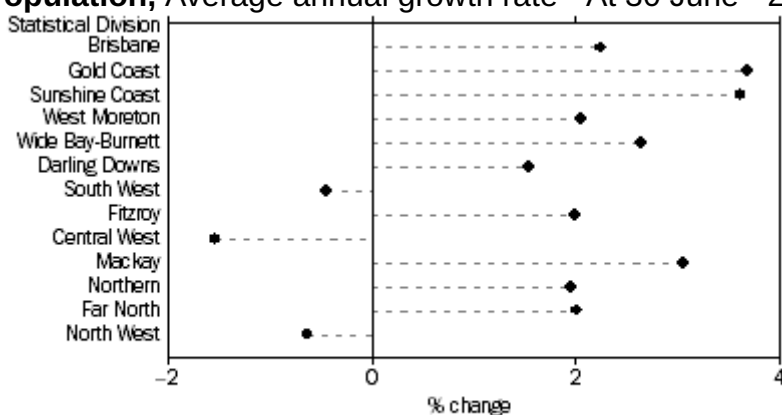
	2001 '000	2006 '000
Statistical division		
Brisbane	1 629.1	1 820.4
Gold Coast	432.6	518.1
Sunshine Coast	247.2	295.1
West Moreton	65.7	72.7
Wide Bay-Burnett	236.5	269.3
Darling Downs	210.4	227.1
South West	27.0	26.4

Fitzroy	181.7	200.6
Central West	12.5	11.6
Mackay	137.5	159.9
Northern	190.3	209.6
Far North	224.2	247.6
North West	34.3	33.2
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>3 628.9</b>	<b>4 091.5</b>

(a) Estimates of the resident population as at 30 June 2001 are final. Data for 2006 are preliminary. Regional Population Growth, Australia (cat. no. 3218.0).

The fastest growing statistical divisions over the five years between 30 June 2001 and 30 June 2006 were Gold Coast with an average annual growth rate of 3.7%, Sunshine Coast (3.6%) and Mackay (3.1%). Three statistical divisions recorded negative average annual growth during the same period: South West (-0.4%), North West (-0.6%) and Central West (-1.5%).

### Regional Population, Average annual growth rate - At 30 June - 2001 to 2006



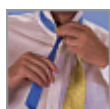
Source: Regional Population Growth, Australia (cat. no. 3218.0).

Note: On 24 July 2007, the ABS released preliminary rebased estimates of regional population for June 2006, based on the results of the 2006 Census of Population and Housing. On 1 October 2007, additional data will be released with this product. At that time, spreadsheets and a data cube containing estimates for all years from June 1996 to June 2006 will be available.

For more information on Queensland's regional population distribution, please refer to [Regional Population Growth, Australia](#) (cat. no. 3218.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released annually.

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## Labour Force



### LABOUR FORCE

Job Vacancies

Employed Persons  
Unemployment  
Participation rate  
Employed Persons by Industry

## JOB VACANCIES

In original terms, Queensland's total number of job vacancies increased to 38,500 in August 2007 from 35,600 in May 2007. The August 2007 vacancies were 3.3% lower than in August 2006. Public sector vacancies accounted for around one in ten (11%) of total job vacancies in August 2007.

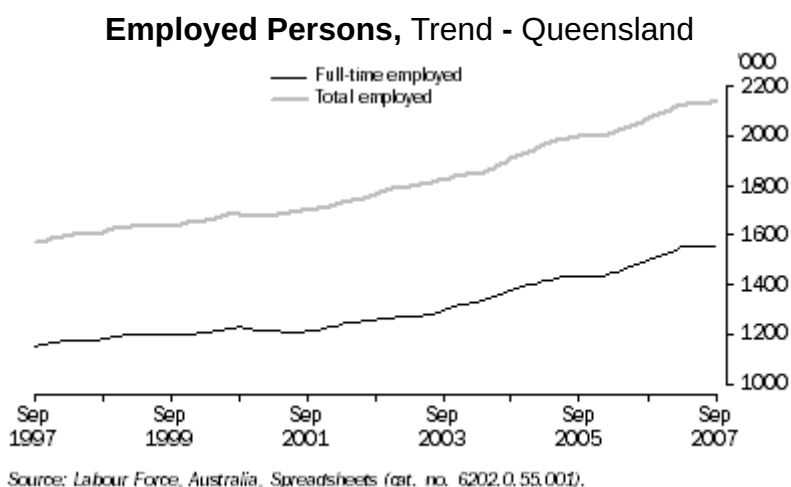


Further information on this topic can be accessed at [Job Vacancies, Australia](#) (cat. no. 6354.0). This publication is released quarterly.

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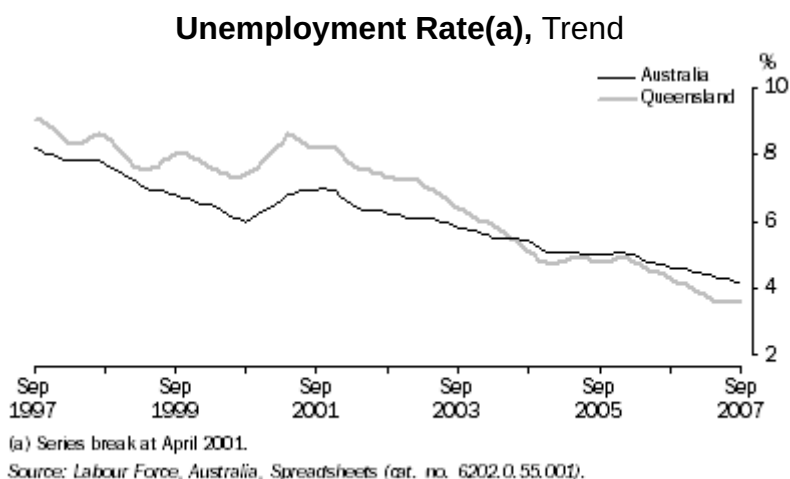
## EMPLOYED PERSONS

In September 2007, total employment in Queensland in trend terms rose to 2,138,600 persons. Full-time employed persons (1,552,900) accounted for 73% of total employed persons. Males accounted for 65% of full-time employed persons and 55% of total employed persons.

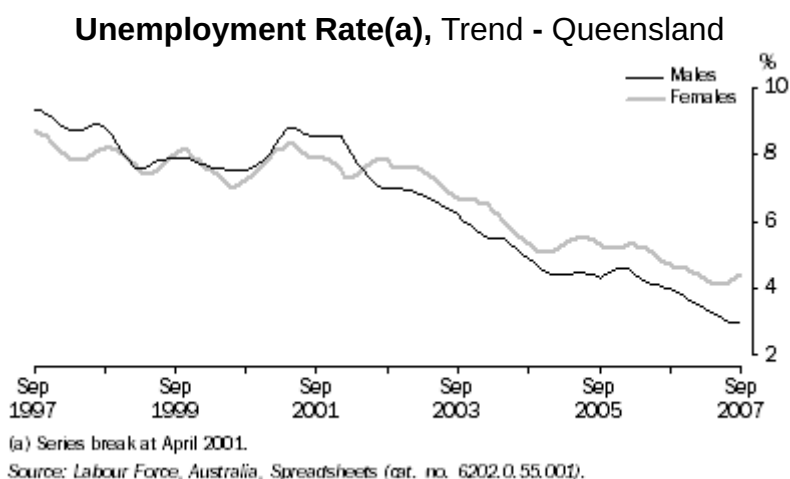


## UNEMPLOYMENT

The trend estimate of the number of unemployed persons in Queensland for September 2007 was 80,600 persons. This equates to an unemployment rate of 3.6%. Since July 2004, the Queensland unemployment rate has been lower than the national unemployment rate.



Females accounted for 55% of the number of unemployed persons in Queensland in September 2007 and had an unemployment rate of 4.4%. The corresponding male unemployment rate was 3.0%. Females have had higher rates of unemployment than their male counterparts since May 2002.

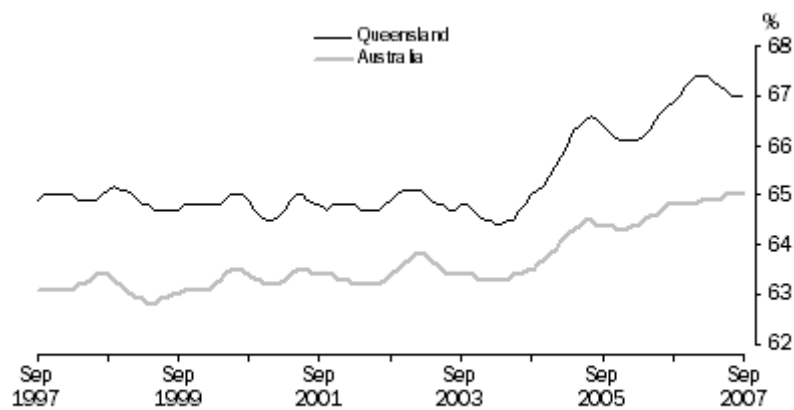


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## PARTICIPATION RATE

The trend estimate of the participation rate for Queensland in September 2007 was 67.0%. This rate is 3.2% higher than September 1997. Queensland has consistently recorded higher participation rates than the national average.

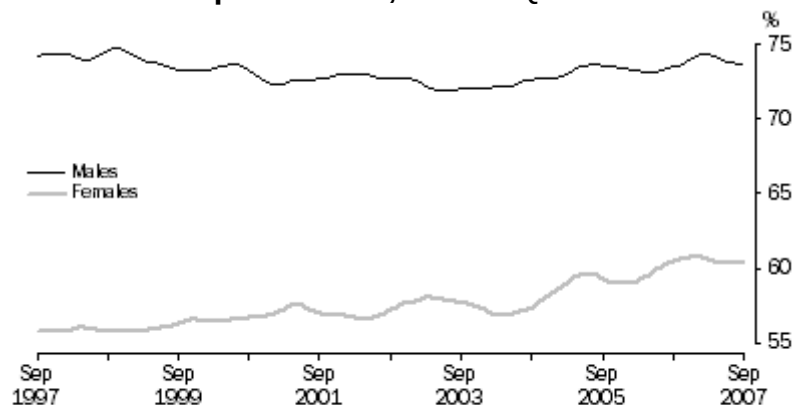
### Participation Rate, Trend



Source: Labour Force, Australia, Spreadsheets, (cat. no. 6202.0.55.001).

For Queensland, the trend participation rate for females has been over 60% since July 2006, and remained steady at 60.4% in September 2007. This is an 8.4% increase on the female participation rate recorded in September 1997. The male participation rate in September 2007 was 73.7%, a decrease of -0.8% on the rate recorded for September 1997.

### Participation Rate, Trend - Queensland



Source: Labour Force, Australia, Spreadsheets (cat. no. 6202.0.55.001).

Further information on these topics can be accessed at [Labour Force, Australia](#) (cat. no. 6202.0) and [Labour Force, Australia, Spreadsheets](#) (cat. no. 6202.0.55.001) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. These publications are released monthly.

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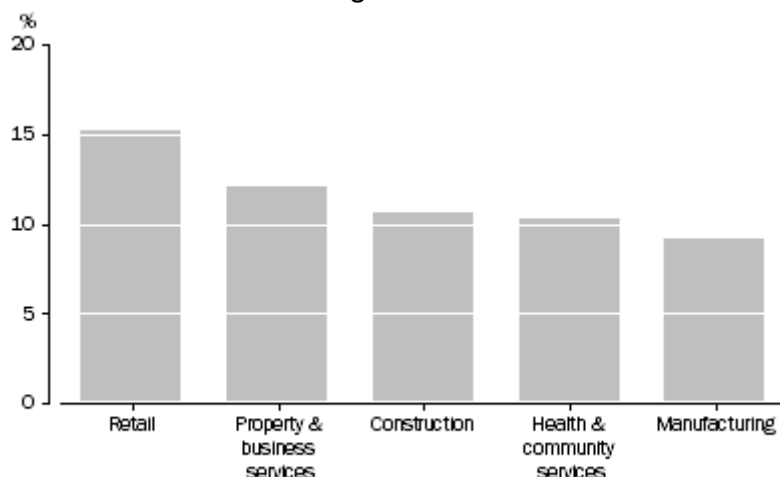
## EMPLOYED PERSONS BY INDUSTRY

There were 2,126,600 employed persons in Queensland in August 2007. The industries with the most number of employed persons were Retail trade (324,700), Property and business services (257,400) and Construction (225,100). Those industries employing the least number of persons included Electricity, gas and water (14,700), Communication services (31,600) and Mining (37,500).

The five major industries with the most number of employees accounted for over half (57%) of Queensland's employed persons.

**Employed Persons by Industry, Original - Percentage of total employed: Queensland -**

## August 2007



Source: Labour Force, Australia, Detailed - Electronic Delivery, Quarterly (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003).

In the year August 2006 to August 2007, the greatest increase of employed persons occurred in Cultural and recreational services (33%). In the same period, Finance and Insurance had the greatest decrease in employed persons with a reduction of 18%.

**Note:** Employed persons by industry has been reported in original terms and cannot be directly compared to the trend estimates reported for Labour Force.

For more detailed information on this topic, please refer to [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly](#) (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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## Prices



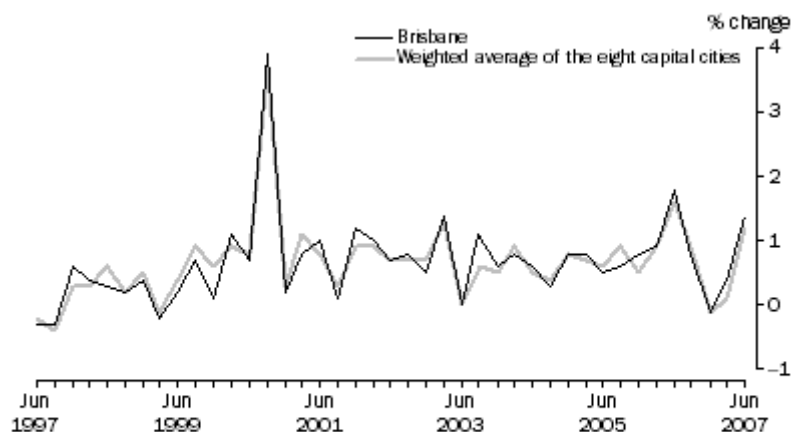
### PRICES

#### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The all groups consumer price index (CPI) for Brisbane increased by 2.6% in the 12 months to June 2007, compared to a 2.1% rise in the weighted average of the eight capital cities.

Brisbane's CPI rose by 1.4% between the March quarter and the June quarter 2007 and for the same period, the weighted average of the eight capital cities rose by 1.2%.

**Consumer Price Index - All Groups**, Original - Percentage change from previous quarter(a)

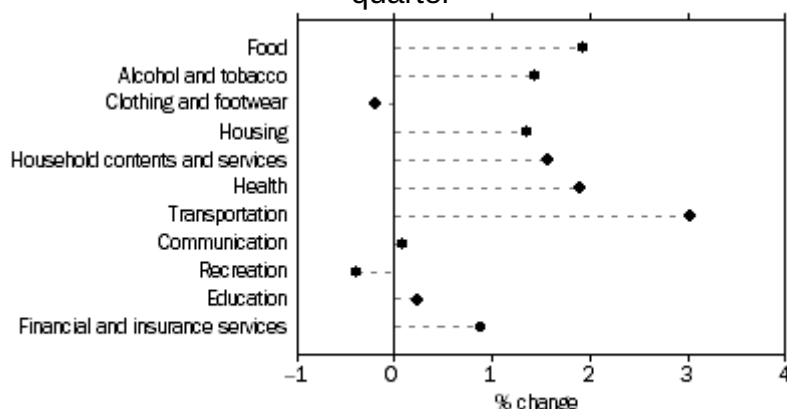


(a) The 2000–01 data were affected by the introduction of The New Tax System, in particular, the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) from 1 July 2000.

Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6401.0).

In the June 2007 quarter, the categories with the largest percentage increases in Brisbane were Transport (3.0%), Food (1.9%) and Health (1.9%). Significant rises in automotive fuel prices contributed to the increase in the Transportation group. Price rises in fruit and vegetables and hospital and medical services were factors in the increases for the Food and Health groups, respectively. Recreation (-0.4%) and Clothing and footwear (-0.2%) experienced falls in prices between the March quarter and the June quarter 2007.

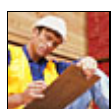
#### CPI Movement, Brisbane, Original - Percentage change from previous quarter: June 2007 quarter



Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6401.0).

For more detailed information on the consumer price index, please refer to [Consumer Price Index, Australia](#) (cat no. 6401.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

## Production



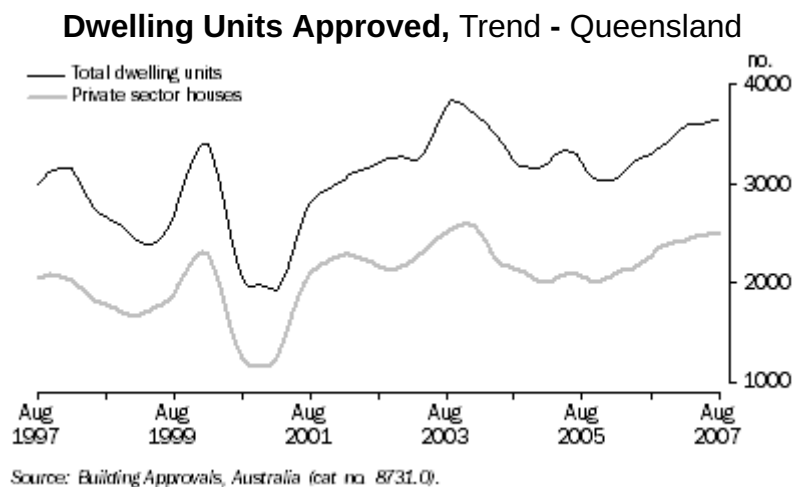
### PRODUCTION

Building Approvals  
Building Activity  
Engineering Construction

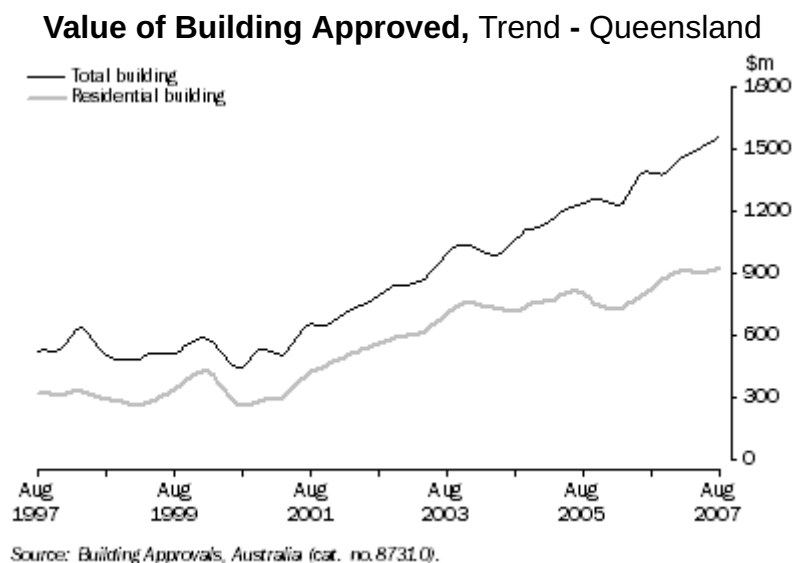
### BUILDING APPROVALS



In August 2007, the total number of dwelling units approved in Queensland in trend terms was 3,655. The trend estimate for the total number of dwelling units approved for August 2007 showed total approvals have generally been rising for the last 21 months. The trend estimate for private sector houses was 2,505 approvals and represents 69% of total dwelling units approved.



In August 2007, the total value in trend terms of building approvals was \$1,571.6 million, 13% increase from August 2006. Residential buildings accounted for 59% of the total value of buildings.



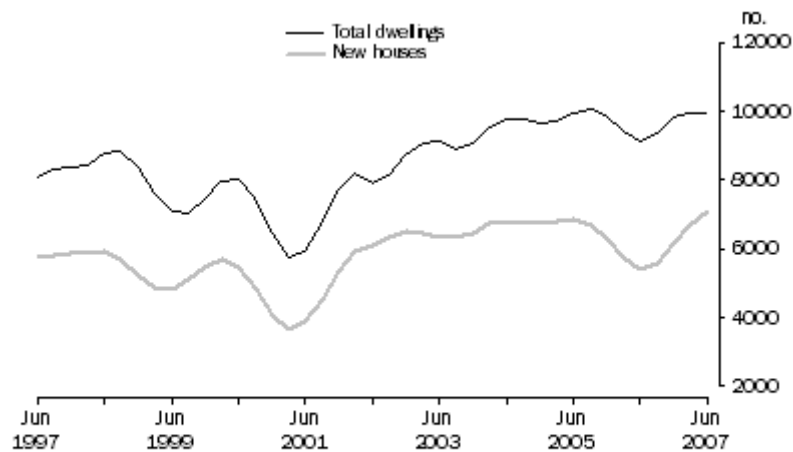
For more information on this topic, please refer to [Building Approvals, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8731.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released monthly.

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## BUILDING ACTIVITY

In the June 2007 quarter, the total number of dwellings completed in trend terms in Queensland was 9,935. This is a 0.6% decrease from the March 2007 quarter following increases for the previous three quarters. There were 7,084 new houses completed during the June 2007 quarter which represents 71% of the total number of dwelling units completed.

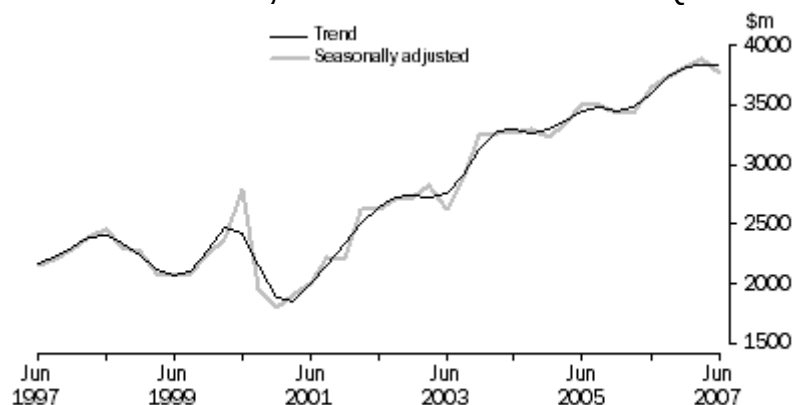
## Dwellings Completed(a), Trend - Queensland



(a) Includes alterations, additions and conversions.  
Source: Building Activity, Australia (cat. no. 8752.0).

In the August 2007 quarter, the trend estimate of the value of total building work done was \$3,832.2 million, a 6.5% increase from June 2006 quarter.

### Value of Work Done, Chain Volume Measures - Queensland



Source: Building Activity, Australia (cat. no. 8752.0).

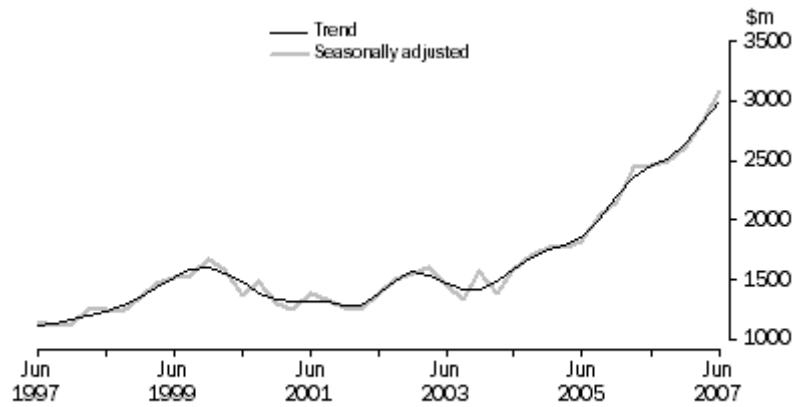
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## ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION

Between the March 2007 and June 2007 quarters, the Queensland chain volume trend estimate of the value of engineering construction increased by 6.3% to \$3,001.3 million. This continues the period of strong growth since December 2003 quarter.

### Engineering Construction Work Done, Chain Volume Measures



Source: Engineering Construction Activity, Australia (cat. no. 8762.0).

For further information on this topic, access [Engineering Construction Activity, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8762.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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## Housing Finance



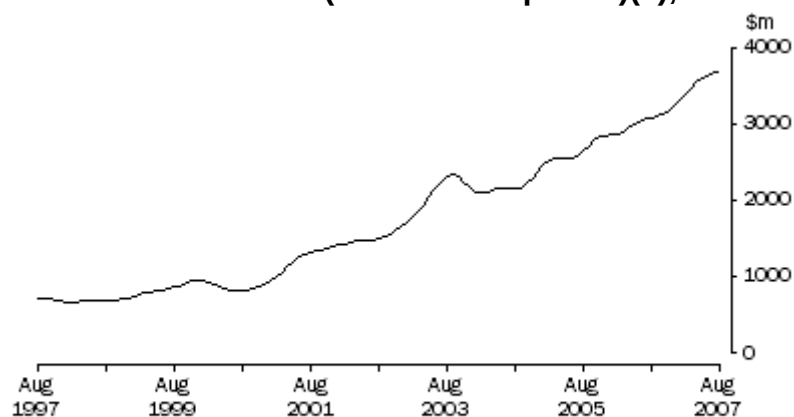
### HOUSING FINANCE

#### HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS

The number of owner occupied housing commitments in trend estimate terms increased by 6.3% to 15,140 in August 2007 compared with August 2006.

The trend estimate of the total value of housing finance commitments for owner occupation in Queensland has risen by 20% to \$3,692.2 million in the 12 months to August 2007.

#### Housing Finance Commitments (Owner Occupation)(a), Trend - Queensland



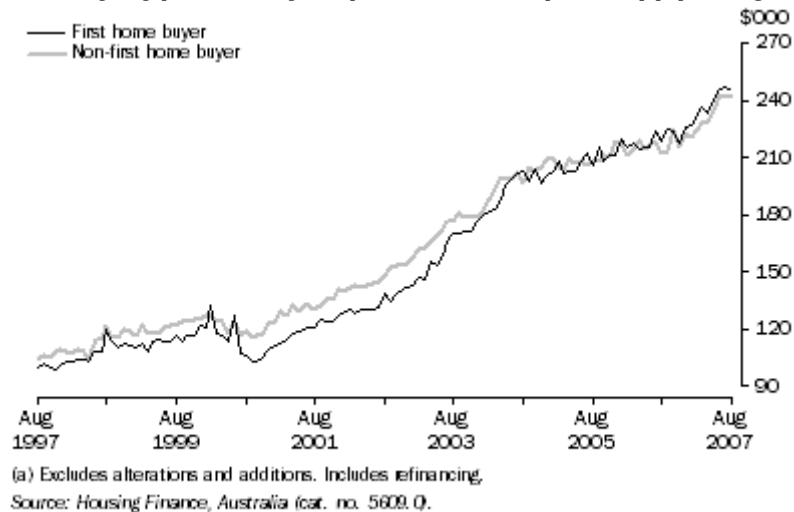
(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

Source: Housing Finance, Australia (cat. no. 5809.0).

Since August 1997, the average home loan commitment for owner occupied dwellings in Queensland has more than doubled from \$103,600 to \$243,500.

In August 2007, the commitment for first home buyers (\$245,100) was slightly higher than for non-first home buyers (\$243,100).

### Average Loan Size by Type of Buyer (Owner Occupation)(a), Original - Queensland



Further information on this topic is available in [Housing Finance, Australia](#) (cat. no. 5609.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released monthly.

## Incomes



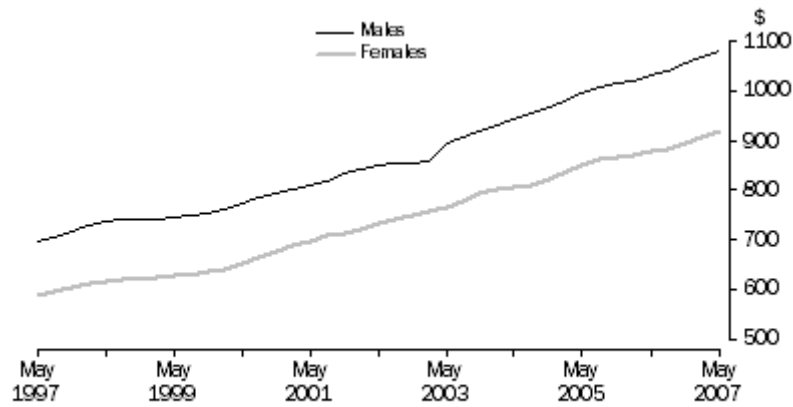
### INCOMES

#### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

The trend estimate of average weekly ordinary time earnings for full-time adult persons in Queensland increased by 4.6% to \$1,019.90 in the 12 months to May 2007. Nationally, the corresponding increase was marginally lower at 4.4% (up to \$1,088.40).

The trend estimate of full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings in Queensland rose by 5.0% for males and 4.9% for females over the 12 months to May 2007. The May 2007 female estimate of \$920.90 was 85% of the corresponding male estimate of \$1,082.80.

#### Average Weekly Earnings, Full-Time Adult Ordinary Time - Trend: Queensland



Source: Average Weekly Earnings, Australia (cat. no. 6302.0).

More information on average weekly earnings can be accessed at [Average Weekly Earnings, Australia](#) (cat. no. 6302.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

## Consumption and Investment



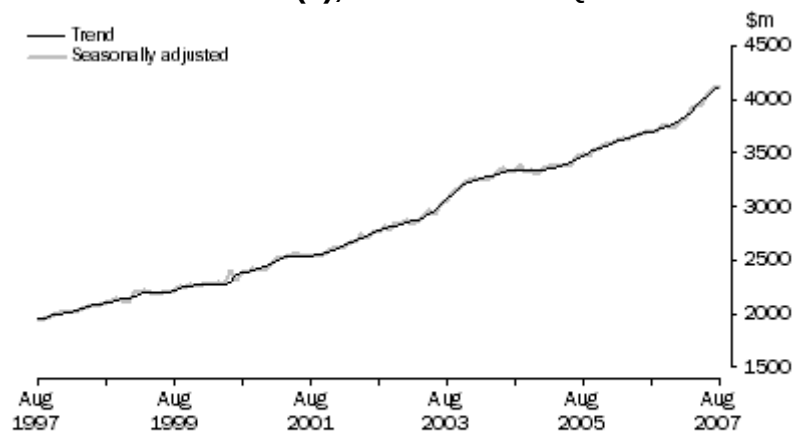
### CONSUMPTION AND INVESTMENT

Retail Trade  
New Motor Vehicle Sales  
Private New Capital Expenditure

#### RETAIL TRADE

The August 2007 trend estimate for Queensland's retail turnover was \$4,127.5 million, an 11% increase compared with August 2006. Food retailing accounted for 40% of total retail turnover in August 2007 and Hospitality and service industries turnover contributed 19%.

#### Retail turnover(a), All Industries - Queensland



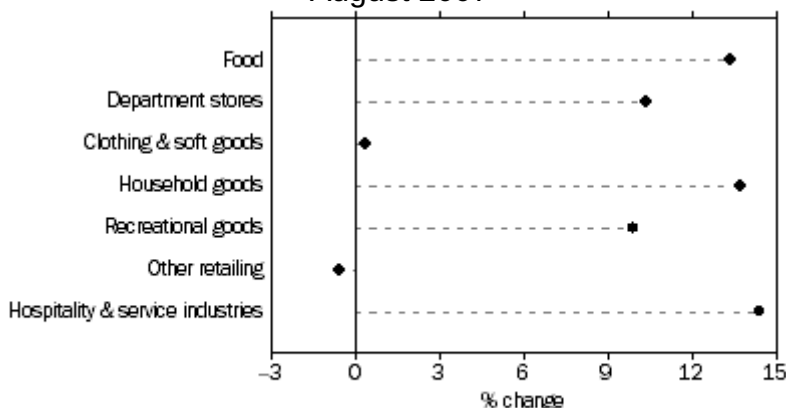
(a) There was a break in the trend series between June 2000 and July 2000 due to the introduction of The New Tax System.

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (cat. no. 8501.0).

The Queensland industry groups with the largest percentage increases in retail turnover (trend) in the twelve months to August 2007 were Hospitality and Service industries, rising 14% to \$790.1 million and Household goods rising 14% to \$647.7 million. The only decrease

in retail turnover for the same period was the Other retailing industry group, which fell by -0.6% to \$356.7 million.

### Retail Turnover By Industry Group, Trend - Percentage change over twelve months to August 2007



Source: Retail Trade, Australia (cat. no. 8501.0).

Further information about this topic can be accessed at [Retail Trade, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8501.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released monthly.

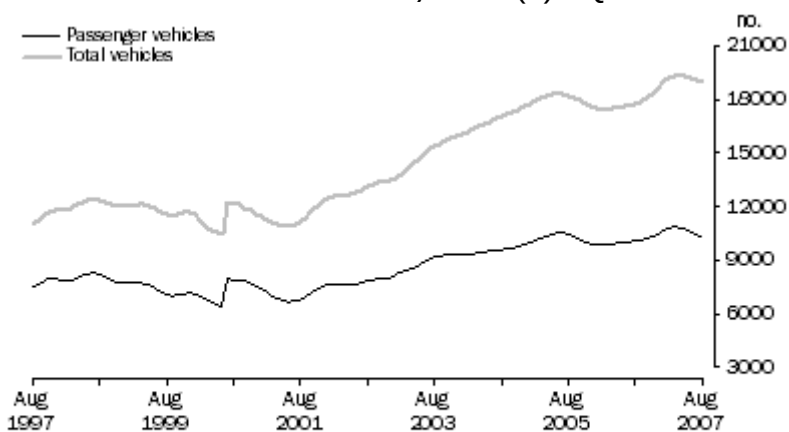
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## NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES

In trend terms, 10,285 new passenger vehicles and 18,956 vehicles in total were sold in August 2007 in Queensland. Corresponding sales for Australia were 52,900 and 86,834.

In August 1997, new passenger vehicle sales accounted for 69% of total vehicle sales in Queensland. By August 2007, the proportion of new passenger vehicle sales had fallen to 54%.

### New Motor Vehicle Sales, Trend(a) - Queensland



(a) There was a break in the trend series between June 2000 and July 2000 due to the introduction of The New Tax System.

Source: Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Electronic Delivery (cat. no. 9341.0.55.001).

Further information about new motor vehicle sales can be accessed from [Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Australia](#) (cat no. 9314.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released monthly.

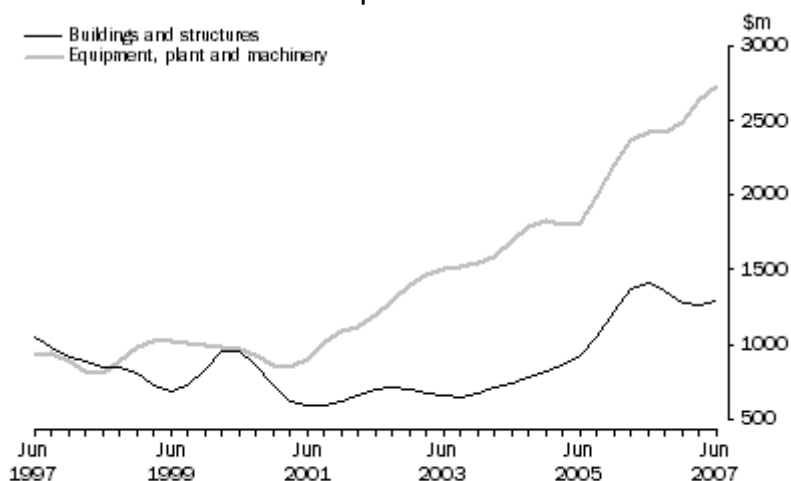
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## PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Between the March 2007 and the June 2007 quarters, the Queensland chain volume trend estimate of private new capital expenditure increased by 3.1% to \$4,028 million. This follows a 7% increase in the trend estimate for March 2007. Expenditure on Equipment, plant and machinery increased by 3.5% to \$2,732 million while expenditure on Buildings and structures increased by 2.2% to \$1,295 million.

Comparing the June 2007 quarter with the June 2006 quarter, Queensland's total private new capital expenditure increased by 8.9%. Expenditure on Equipment, plant and machinery grew by 13% and expenditure on Buildings and structures decreased by 8.5%.

### Private New Capital Expenditure, Trend, Chain Volume Measures - Queensland: by quarter



Source: Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia (cat. no. 5625.0).

Further information on this topic can be accessed at [Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia](#) (cat. no. 5625.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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## Tourist Accommodation

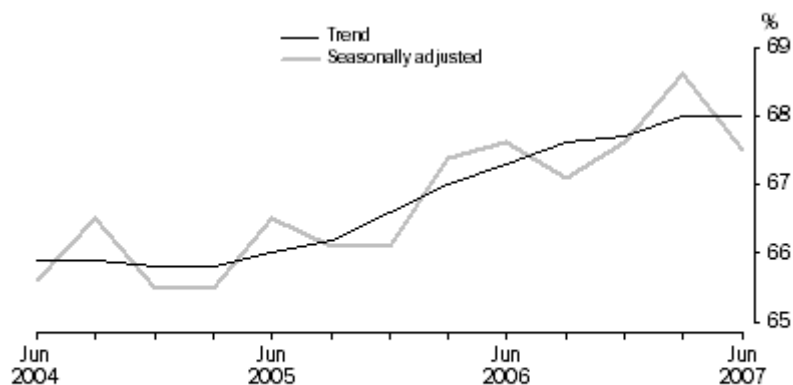


### TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

#### QUEENSLAND HOTELS, MOTELS AND SERVICED APARTMENTS WITH 15 OR MORE ROOMS

In the June 2007 quarter, there were 1,093 hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms. These establishments had a guest room capacity of 58,666 rooms. The trend estimate of the room occupancy rate for Queensland (68%) was slightly higher than the national average (66%).

#### Room Occupancy Rate, by Quarter - Queensland



Source: Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, Queensland - Electronic Delivery (cat. no.8635.3.55.001).

In the June 2007 quarter, Queensland hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms catered for 2.5 million guest arrivals. These accommodation establishments reported the longest average length of stay for guests (2.5 days), compared to the national average of 2.2 days.

The trend estimate of the total accommodation takings for hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 rooms or more continued to increase. In the June 2007 quarter, accommodation takings rose by 1.9% to \$498 million from the March 2007 quarter.

For more detailed information on Queensland's tourist accommodation, please refer to [Tourist Accommodation, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8635.0) and [Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, Queensland, Electronic Delivery](#) (cat. no. 8635.3.55.001) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication and data cube are released quarterly.

## Interstate Trade



### INTERSTATE TRADE

#### QUEENSLAND'S INTERSTATE TRADE

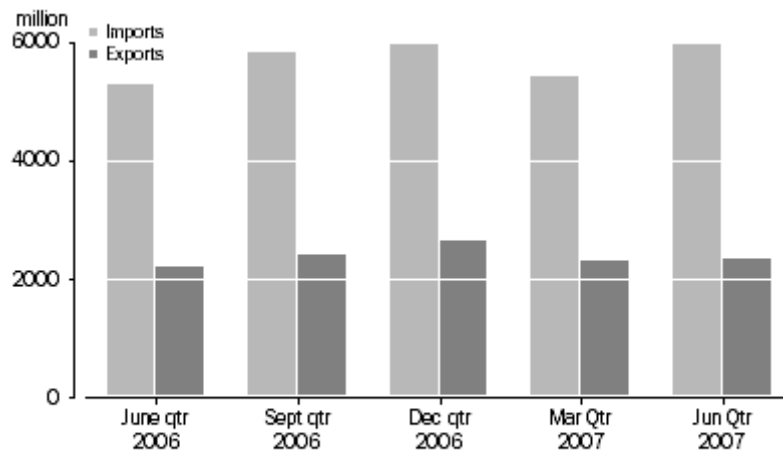
The value of interstate imports for Queensland in the June 2007 quarter was \$5,967.2 million, a 10% increase on the previous quarter and 13% higher than the same quarter in 2006.

The value in the June 2007 quarter of interstate exports was \$2,362.9 million, a 1.0% increase on the previous quarter and 6.3% higher than the same quarter 12 months earlier.

For the last 5 quarters, the value of imports has ranged between two and two and half times the value of exports.

#### Value of Interstate Imports and Exports(a), Queensland





(a) Some minor revisions have been made to the December 2006 and September 2006 quarters.  
Source: Queensland Treasury, Office of Economic and Statistical Research.

**NOTE:** In compiling the estimates of Interstate Trade for the Office of Economic and Statistical Research, the ABS uses a partial coverage census based on businesses with more than \$400,000 of interstate trade. This collection is now under review due to frame and coverage issues. New businesses are not well represented, so the estimates are likely to be understated. The estimates are prepared for use in the compilation of Treasury's State Accounts and users should exercise strong caution in their independent use.

For further information on this topic, please contact Queensland Treasury, Office of Economic and Statistical Research. Interstate trade data are released quarterly.

## Articles

### ARTICLES

#### ARTICLES ON STATISTICAL ISSUES WITH A QUEENSLAND THEME

No new articles this month.

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## News and Information



### NEWS AND INFORMATION

#### QUEENSLAND STATISTICAL TRAINING

The ABS has a commitment to encourage the informed use of State, Territory and regional data. To this end, the ABS Queensland office provides a suite of training programmes to help clients make the best use of ABS and non-ABS information. These courses aim to develop a greater understanding of statistical and analytical processes.

Courses can be tailored to suit particular needs and additional programmes can be developed as required.

Currently, ABS Queensland is pleased to offer the following courses in Brisbane and Northern Queensland in 2007:

Course name	Course length	Course date/s
<b><i>Basic Survey Design</i></b>	Two days	Monday and Tuesday, 8-9 November 2007
<b><i>Making Quality Informed Decisions</i></b>	One day	Monday, 26 November 2007
<b><i>Turning Data Into Information</i></b>	Two days	Monday and Tuesday, 10-11 December 2007

For more details about course content and how to register see **2007 QLD Information & Registration Form\_.pdf** on the ABS Website at [Statistical Training Queensland contacts](#).

#### THE 2011 CENSUS - YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE A SAY

While continuing to deliver more new and exciting products and services from the 2006 Census, the ABS is turning its attention to the next Census of Population and Housing to be held in August 2011.

The ABS will soon be inviting public comment on the content and procedures of the next Census. The invitation to have a say in the way the nation's largest statistical collection is undertaken is in the **Information Paper: 2011 Census of Population and Housing: ABS**

## **Views on Content and Procedures** to be released on **26 October 2007**.

This is the first in a series of information papers about the 2011 Census. It marks the first step in the public consultation process for 2011 and outlines ABS proposals for the next Census, including:

- procedures for conducting the Census
- arrangements to protect the privacy of individuals
- measures to ensure the confidentiality of the information collected
- topics to be included
- topics under review, including new topic proposals
- topics to be excluded.

### **How do I make a submission?**

Submissions can be lodged either online, electronically by email or in hard copy. The submission period will **open** on **26 October 2007** when the Information Paper is released and will **close** on **31 March 2008**. Users of Census data and interested members of the public are invited to make submissions on any aspect of the Census.

The Information Paper and Submission Form will be available on the ABS website (for free download) at [www.abs.gov.au/2011censusviews](http://www.abs.gov.au/2011censusviews) from **26 October 2007**. Information and guidelines about making a submission will also be available from the website.

Information Sessions on 2006 Census products and 2011 Census Topic Consultation are planned for each capital city during October and November 2007. These meetings are open to all interested members of the public and provide an opportunity to hear more about plans for the next Census, meet ABS staff and ask questions.

In addition to providing copies of the Information Paper to people and organisations with an interest in Census data, the ABS will notify the public of the release of the Information Paper through:

- advertisements placed in major newspapers across the country
- media releases
- the ABS website.

### **What happens next?**

Following the assessment of submissions and consultation meetings, recommendations on the content and procedures of the 2011 Census will be discussed with the Australian Statistics Advisory Council later in 2008. The ABS will then prepare a submission to the Federal Government during 2009. A final decision on the 2011 Census topics is expected to be made by the Federal Government in late 2009. The ABS will then release a further Information Paper outlining the final nature and content of the 2011 Census.

All individuals or organisations who have made submissions will be advised of the final outcomes.

## **ABS RELEASE INFORMATION**

Information on all ABS future product releases can be accessed from [ABS Release Advice](#) . This web page also provides links to **Previous Releases** and **Main Economic Indicator Releases**.

## **QUEENSLAND THEME PAGE**

[This page](#) provides access to Queensland statistical information including statistical releases and links to non-ABS sources. A wide range of economic and social statistics is covered.

## **About this Release**

Qld Stats is an electronic magazine containing an overview of Queensland's key economic and social indicators presented in graphs, tables and analytical summaries with links to more detailed products. Qld Stats also contains news of seminars, releases and other matters of statistical interest for Queensland.

Qld Stats replaces Queensland Key Statistics (cat. no. 1388.3) and Statistical Update, Queensland (cat. no. 1316.3). These two products have been discontinued.

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